Lancaster

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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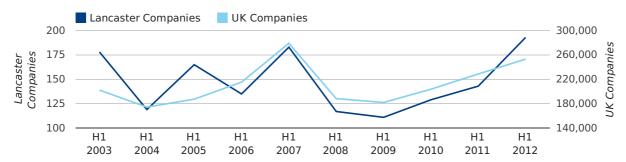
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Lancaster when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 193 companies were formed in Lancaster. This figure is 35.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Lancaster occurred in 2012 when a total of 193 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	193	253,150
2011	143	228,735
% CHANGE	35.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (193)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



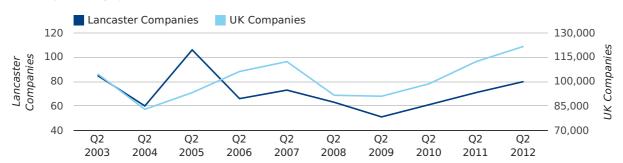
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 80 companies were registered in Lancaster during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

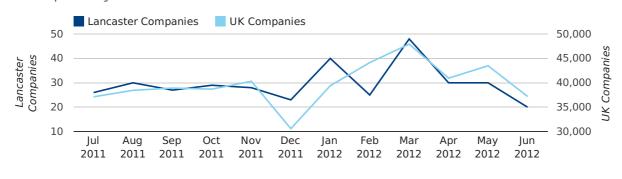
This figure is an increase of 12.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	80	121,659
2011	71	112,344
% CHANGE	12.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (106)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



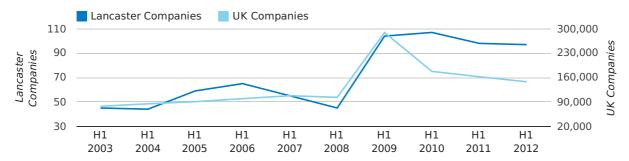
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	30	30	20
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	18	30
% CHANGE	30.4%	66.7%	-33.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (50)	2005 (41)	2003 (34)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 97 companies were dissolved in Lancaster. This figure is 1.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Lancaster occurred in 2010 when a total of 107 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	97	147,793
2011	98	162,310
% CHANGE	-1.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (107)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



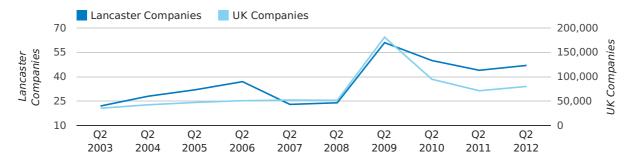
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 47 companies were dissolved in Lancaster during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

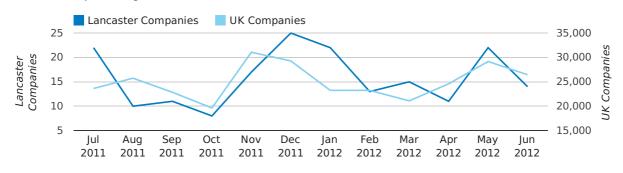
This figure is an increase of 6.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	47	80,217
2011	44	71,324
% CHANGE	6.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (61)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

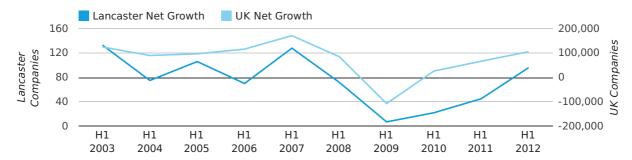


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	11	22	14
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	19	16
% CHANGE	22.2%	15.8%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (18)	2009 (27)	2009 (23)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Lancaster increased by 96 companies. This figure is 113.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	96	105,357
2011	45	66,425
% CHANGE	113.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (133)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



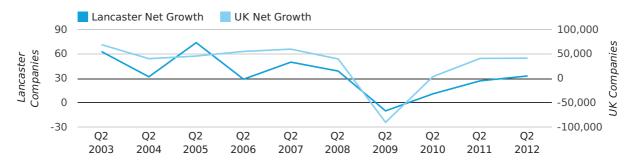
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Lancaster during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 33 companies.

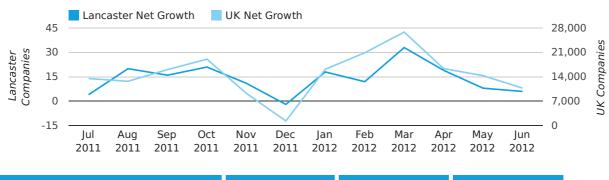
This represents an increase of 22.2% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LANCASTER	UK
2012	33	41,442
2011	27	41,020
% CHANGE	22.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (74)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

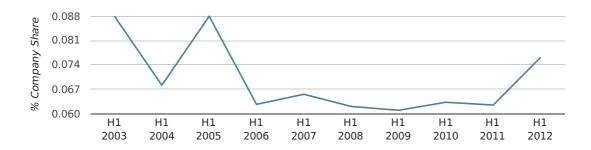


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	19	8	6
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	-1	14
% CHANGE	35.7%	-900.0%	-57.1%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (42)	2005 (28)	2003 (28)

In the first half of 2012 Lancaster formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LANCASTER
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by half year

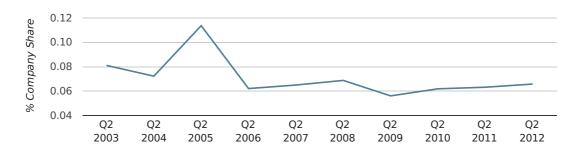


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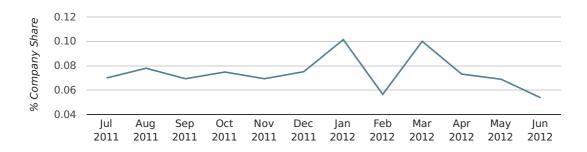
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LANCASTER
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



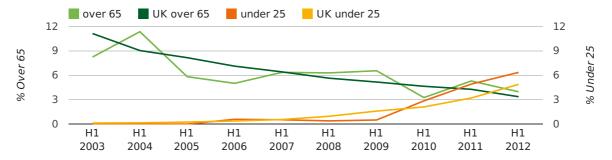
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	9.7%	46.2%	-28.7%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1971 (0.3%)	1967 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



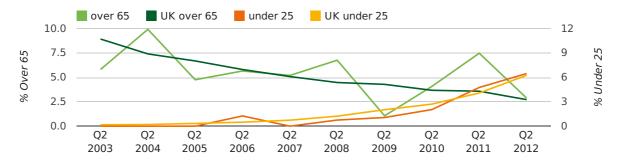
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

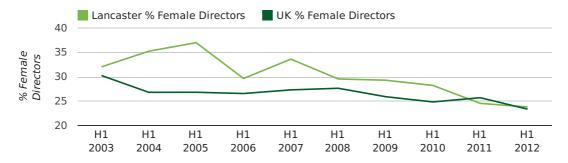
director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Lancaster was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

23.8% of all director appointments in Lancaster in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Lancaster was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

19.2% of all director appointments in Lancaster in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
LANCASTER	2.11%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.96%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.20%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	0.90%	PROPERTY	2.35%
NORTH	0.90%	TRADING	2.10%
WEST	0.75%	DESIGN	1.89%
J	0.75%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CITYBLOCK	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
MEDIA	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
COMMUNITY	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CIC	0.60%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SON	0.60%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRAINING	0.60%	LONDON	1.68%
DESIGN	0.60%	J	1.57%
PROPERTIES	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.51%
М	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PLANT	0.60%	IT	1.42%
RETAIL	0.45%	CARE	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.45%	M	1.26%
EXPEDIENT	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
HOUSE	0.45%	BUILDING	1.23%
SOFTWARE	0.45%	SECURITY	1.19%
GREEN	0.45%	S	1.18%
HOLDINGS	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	104	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	26	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	10,978
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	20,390
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	8,258
74990 - Non-trading company	8	9,706
73110 - Advertising agencies	7	2,052
9999 - Dormant Company	7	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	15,280
9305 - Other service activities	7	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	7	5,222
99999 - Dormant Company	7	26,088
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	6	1,870
5540 - Bars	6	1,709
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	5	2,993
86230 - Dental practice activities	5	1,834
7260 - Other computer related activities	5	6,456
47710 - Retail sale of clothing in specialised stores	5	1,618